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RE: Jessica Forgety

This letter is in support of Jessica Forgety as an applicant for an elementary school teaching position. I instructed Mrs. Forgety in her math & science methods courses during the Fall 2011 semester. I was impressed with her patience and professionalism as she prepared assignments for methods classes. Jessica's experiences raising her own children have prepared her to begin teaching with a better understanding of how to effectively reach and teach children than many new teachers begin with.

Jessica was able to successfully implement several of the activities that she planned for math & science methods in her 3rd grade practicum placement. She participated in creating a science box to use in her practicum placement with a team of her peers. They were able to use grant funding that I provided to them to select & purchase supplies and books that could be used to teach about properties of sound. In turn, they were able to use these supplies as part of their practicum placement. Jessica and her team had the opportunity to reflect on the activities and make necessary revisions to meet the needs of the students as they implemented the activities in different classrooms. I currently share the box with new pre-service teachers as a model and checkout the box to former students to use within their classrooms.

I highly recommend Mrs. Forgety for employment in a K-6 position. She knows the importance of working as part of a team and the value of lifelong learning, both of which are essential skills as a teacher.

If you have further questions, please contact me at the above address or at my cell number (865) 604-8158.